

Good afternoon,

My name is Michelle Bozzuto a personal friend of the Barhorst family. I am mother of two children Leah and Tyler. I am here today to ask you all to support the proposed new bill "Tristan's law" SB Bill 608 to enact safety protocol concerning the use and operation of ice cream and frozen desserts vending trucks.

June 12th was a tragic day for many, we lost Tristan Barhorst, at a young age of 10 in a terrible accident while doing something that kids love to do. While he was visiting the ice-cream truck with 8 other children, two of those children being my own, he was tragically struck by an oncoming vehicle who was attempting to pass the ice cream truck.

His father, my husband, several other adults and his friends witness there terrible event. My husband laid in the street with Tristian holding his head trying to do anything possible to save this little boy, while his parent laid there right beside in so much pain and shock. Then each one of his friends had to pass this as they crossed the road.

Christi and I were in the back yard and heard a sound that I would have never imagined would be what occurred. Tristan's sister Sienna and my daughter came running in the back yard screaming and crying for us to call 911 and told us what had happened.

I sat there with the 8 kids as they all cried and were so overwhelmed about what just happened as the other were out front tending to a hurt little boy.

This night will forever be in our in minds and hearts and can never be forgotten.

If the ice-cream truck had been using some type of caution warning system, such as a signal arm, flashing stop sign, flashing lights or parked on the right side of the road. I feel this tragic event would have been avoided.

The ice-cream truck involved in this incident had some of the features however were not being used at the time of the accident.

This new bill would require all ice-cream truck operators to activate this equipment and protect children while doing something they love and avoid further tragedy for other families.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Michelle Bozzuto